

Checklist for Curriculum Proposals

1. Are all **signatures** on the hard copy of the proposal?

2. Is the **effective date** correct?

3. Is the **rationale** for the proposal consistent with the changes proposed?

4. Does the proposed **number of credits** match the stated number?

5. Have affected units been identified and contacted? Are required **support letters** attached?

6. Is a **resolution** necessary? If so, is it attached?

(Necessary for: establishing a major; disestablishing a major; a name change to any program with permanent status; a name change to a department or college; a transfer or creation of any department; request for permanent status).

7. Are all **courses (required or referenced)** in the UDSIS Inventory or in the approval process?

8. Are all **university requirements** correctly specified?

A. Breadth requirements.

B. Multicultural requirement.

C. Writing requirement.

D. DLE requirement.

9. Are all **college requirements** correctly specified?

9. Is a **side-by-side comparison** provided?

UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE FORMS

Academic Program Approval

This form is a routing document for the approval of new and revised academic programs. Proposing department should complete this form. For more information, call the Faculty Senate Office at 831-2921.

Submitted by: __ Professor Gretchen Bauer, Chair _____ phone number __ 831-2357 _____

Department: __ Political Science and International Relations _ email address _ gbauer@udel.edu _

Date: __ 10-26-12 _____

Action: _____
Revise American Politics Concentration in Political Science Major
(Example: add major/minor/concentration, delete major/minor/concentration, revise major/minor/concentration, academic unit name change, request for permanent status, policy change, etc.)

Effective term _____ 13F _____
(use format 04F, 05W)

Current degree _____ BA _____
(Example: BA, BACH, BACJ, HBA, EDD, MA, MBA, etc.)

Proposed change leads to the degree of: _____ BA _____
(Example: BA, BACH, BACJ, HBA, EDD, MA, MBA, etc.)

Proposed name: _____ NA _____
Proposed new name for revised or new major / minor / concentration / academic unit (if applicable)

Revising or Deleting:

Undergraduate major / Concentration: _____ Political Science – American Politics Concentration _____
(Example: Applied Music – Instrumental degree BMAS)

Undergraduate minor: _____
(Example: African Studies, Business Administration, English, Leadership, etc.)

Graduate Program Policy statement change: _____
(Must attach your Graduate Program Policy Statement)

Graduate Program of Study: _____
(Example: Animal Science: MS Animal Science: PHD Economics: MA Economics: PHD)

Graduate minor / concentration: _____

Note: all graduate studies proposals must include an electronic copy of the Graduate Program Policy Document, highlighting the changes made to the original policy document.

List new courses required for the new or revised curriculum. How do they support the

overall program objectives of the major/minor/concentrations)?

(Be aware that approval of the curriculum is dependent upon these courses successfully passing through the Course Challenge list. If there are no new courses enter “None”)

The following courses are new in the sense that they will be receiving permanent course numbers. Most of these courses have been offered before as topics courses or under other course numbers. Only POSC 457 is a new course. None of the courses are required—they are on a menu of courses from which students may choose. Each course includes content that is directly related to the concentration topic of American politics.

POSC 317 Gender and Politics
POSC 457 The Scientific Study of Politics
POSC 461 Topics in Gender and Politics
POSC 473 Gender, Sex and Law
POSC 469 Democratic Theory
POSC 471 Polling Research and Analysis

Explain, when appropriate, how this new/revised curriculum supports the 10 goals of undergraduate education: <http://www.ugs.udel.edu/gened/>

The revision does not affect how the major/concentration supports the 10 goals of undergraduate education.

Identify other units affected by the proposed changes:

(Attach permission from the affected units. If no other unit is affected, enter “None”)

No other unit will be affected by this revision.

Describe the rationale for the proposed program change(s):

(Explain your reasons for creating, revising, or deleting the curriculum or program.)

We are proposing to revise the requirement that students complete 18 credits across two categories of Institutions and Processes and Issues and Policies. We will instead require that students complete 18 credits from a single menu of courses. This menu will consist of the same courses under the old system of categorization. The rationale for the revision is that there will be greater flexibility in course scheduling for the department and for students and allow for consistency across all concentrations in the Political Science major. The revision also accounts for the deletion of some courses from our course inventory, the addition of others and adding POSC 466 (Independent Study) as an option for major credit similar to how we treat POSC 464 (Internship) and POSC 468 (Research).

Program Requirements:

(Show the new or revised curriculum as it should appear in the Course Catalog. If this is a revision, be sure to indicate the changes being made to the current curriculum and **include a side-by-side comparison** of the credit distribution before and after the proposed change.)

**DEGREE: BACHELOR OF ARTS
MAJOR: POLITICAL SCIENCE**

CURRICULUM CREDITS

[University and College requirements.](#)

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

Core Courses for the Major:

[POSC 150](#) Introduction to American Politics 3
[POSC 240](#) Introduction to Global Politics 3
[POSC 300](#) Research Methods for Political Science 3

One of the following courses: 3

[POSC 220](#) Introduction to Public Policy
[POSC 270](#) Comparative Politics
[POSC 285](#) Introduction to Political Theory

Students must choose one of the following options:

Option One: Major Without Concentration

Eighteen credits distributed as follows: 18
- nine credits from courses at the 400-level; nine credits from courses at the 300- or 400-level. [Note: three (3) credit hours of either [POSC 464](#) or [POSC 468](#) may count once towards completion of the required 18 hours of upper division coursework.]

A student must take at least one course numbered at the 300- or 400-level in three of the four fields listed below: (Detailed description of courses available from department office.)

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[POSC 270](#) **Introduction to Comparative Politics**
[POSC 285](#) Introduction to Political Theory

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Comparative Politics
International Relations
Political Theory

Option Two: Major With Concentration

Students may choose from among three concentrations: (1) American Politics, (2) Global Studies, (3) Public Law.

American Politics Concentration

Six courses (18 credits) from the following two fields, with at least three courses taken in each field and at least three courses taken at the 400-level)

Institutions and Processes

[POSC 301](#) State and Local Government
[POSC 303](#) Introduction to Public Administration
[POSC 320](#) Parties and Interest Groups
[POSC 324](#) Voting and Elections
[POSC 340](#) Politics and Media
[POSC 355](#) Urban Politics
[POSC 404](#) Judicial Process
[POSC 405](#) Constitutional Law of the United States
[POSC 407](#) American Presidency
[POSC 423](#) Congress
[POSC 447](#) National Agenda

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Option Two: Major With Concentration

Students may choose from among **four** concentrations: (1) American Politics, (2) Global Studies, (3) **Law, Politics and Theory** (4) **Politics, Groups and Identities**.

American Politics Concentration

Six courses (18 credits) from the following **list of courses**, with at least three courses taken at the 400-level.

POSC 301 State and Local Government
POSC 313 American Foreign Policy
POSC 317 Gender and Politics
POSC 318 Public Opinion
POSC 320 Parties and Interest Groups
POSC 322 Race and Politics
POSC 324 Voting and Elections
POSC 340 Politics and Media
POSC 350 Politics and the Environment
POSC 355 Urban Politics
POSC 361 Feminist Political Theory
POSC 387 American Political Thought
POSC 401 Topics in Law and Politics*

Issues and Policies

POSC 313	American Foreign Policy
POSC 318	Public Opinion
POSC 322	Race and Politics
POSC 323	Introduction to Women and Politics
POSC 343	Society, Politics and Health Care
POSC 350	Politics and the Environment
POSC 361	Feminist Political Theory
POSC 387	American Political Thought
POSC 401	Topics in Law and Politics*
POSC 402	Civil Liberties: Individual Freedoms
POSC 403	Civil Liberties: Equal Protection Clause
POSC 411	Politics and Poverty
POSC 413	Topics in American Politics*
POSC 421	Political Psychology
POSC 438	Topics in Political Theory
POSC 452	Topics in Urban Politics
POSC 461	Topics in Gender and Politics

POSC 402	Civil Liberties: Individual Freedoms
POSC 403	Civil Liberties: Equal Protection Clause
POSC 404	Judicial Process
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POSC 407	American Presidency
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POSC 413	Topics in American Politics*
POSC 421	Political Psychology
POSC 423	Congress
POSC 438	Topics in Political Theory*
POSC 447	National Agenda
POSC 452	Topics in Urban Politics*
POSC 457	The Scientific Study of Politics
POSC 459	Sexuality and Law
POSC 461	Topics in Gender and Politics*
POSC 469	Democratic Theory
POSC 471	Polling Research and Analysis
POSC 473	Gender, Sex and Law

Three (3) credit hours of either [POSC 464](#) or [POSC 468](#) may count once towards completion of the above fields (Institutions and Processes or Issues and Politics).

[POSC 464](#) Internship in Political Science and International Relations

or

[POSC 468](#) Undergraduate Research

*May be taken twice when topics differ

ELECTIVES

After required courses are completed, sufficient elective credits must be taken to meet the minimum credit requirement for the degree.

CREDITS TO TOTAL A MINIMUM OF 124

Three (3) credit hours of POSC 464 (approved Internship), 466 (Independent Study), or 468 (Undergraduate Research) may count once towards completion of the required 18 hours of upper division coursework. POSC 464 and POSC 468 fulfill the DLE requirement.

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ROUTING AND AUTHORIZATION: (Please do not remove supporting documentation.)

Department Chairperson Gretchen Bauer Date 4/1/12

Dean of College _____ Date _____

Chairperson, College Curriculum Committee _____ Date _____

Chairperson, Senate Com. on UG or GR Studies _____ Date _____

Chairperson, Senate Coordinating Com. _____ Date _____

Secretary, Faculty Senate _____ Date _____

Date of Senate Resolution _____ Date to be Effective _____

Registrar _____ Program Code _____ Date _____

Vice Provost for Academic Affairs & International Programs _____ Date _____

Provost _____ Date _____

Board of Trustee Notification _____ Date _____